

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF ILLINOIS**

**UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,**

**Plaintiff,**

**v.**

**CORTEZ L. WOOTEN,**

**Defendant.**

**No. 10-30088-DRH**

**MEMORANDUM and ORDER**

**HERNDON, Chief Judge:**

Now before the Court is the Government's July 2, 2010 motion in limine (Doc.18). A response from Defendant Wooten is not necessary as the law applicable to the Government's request is clear. Based on the following, the Court **GRANTS** the Government's motion. The Government moves the Court to preclude Defendant from arguing Defendant's punishment to the jury. The Court **GRANTS** this request. *See Shannon v. United States*, **512 U.S. 573, 579 (1994)**("when a jury has no sentencing function, it should be admonished to 'reach its verdict without regard to what sentence might be imposed.'").

Accordingly, the Court **GRANTS** the Government's July 2, 2010 motion in limine (Doc. 18).

**IT IS SO ORDERED.**

Signed this 6th day of July, 2010.

/s/ David R. Herndon

**Chief Judge  
United States District Court**